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Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

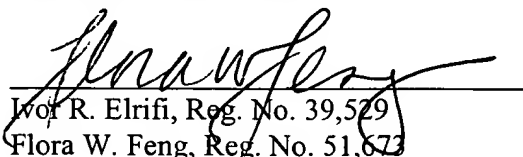
1. Amendment and Response to Non-Final Office Action dated July 13, 2005 (10 pages);
2. Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time (1 page);
3. Check Number 2995 in the amount of \$510.00 to cover the extension fee; and
4. Return Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (212) 935-3000, New York, New York.

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Respectfully submitted,

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